

Trees that protect smaller plants or saplings from winds and harsh weather.



Whoa,
my hat!



Trees that are perfect for play
—climbing in, building a treehouse or
fort in, or hanging a swing from a branch.



Trees bear different kinds of fruit—apples, peaches, grapefruits, figs, and so many more. God has created many different types of trees—each unique and with a special purpose.



Did you know a tree's roots reach out as far as its branches?

For a tree to grow properly, its roots need to burrow deeply into the soil to receive nutrients. This is how it will develop into a tree with a good foundation that can withstand the winds and storms that sometimes blow.



God has created His children with many different gifts and talents. Each person is unique and special to Him.



In the Bible, we read that "It is God himself who has made us what we are and given us new lives from Christ Jesus; and long ages ago he planned that we should spend these lives in helping others."¹

¹ Ephesians 2:10 TLB



² See Genesis 1:27.
³ See Jeremiah 29:11.

You are made in God's image;² He has plans for your future that are good and filled with hope.³



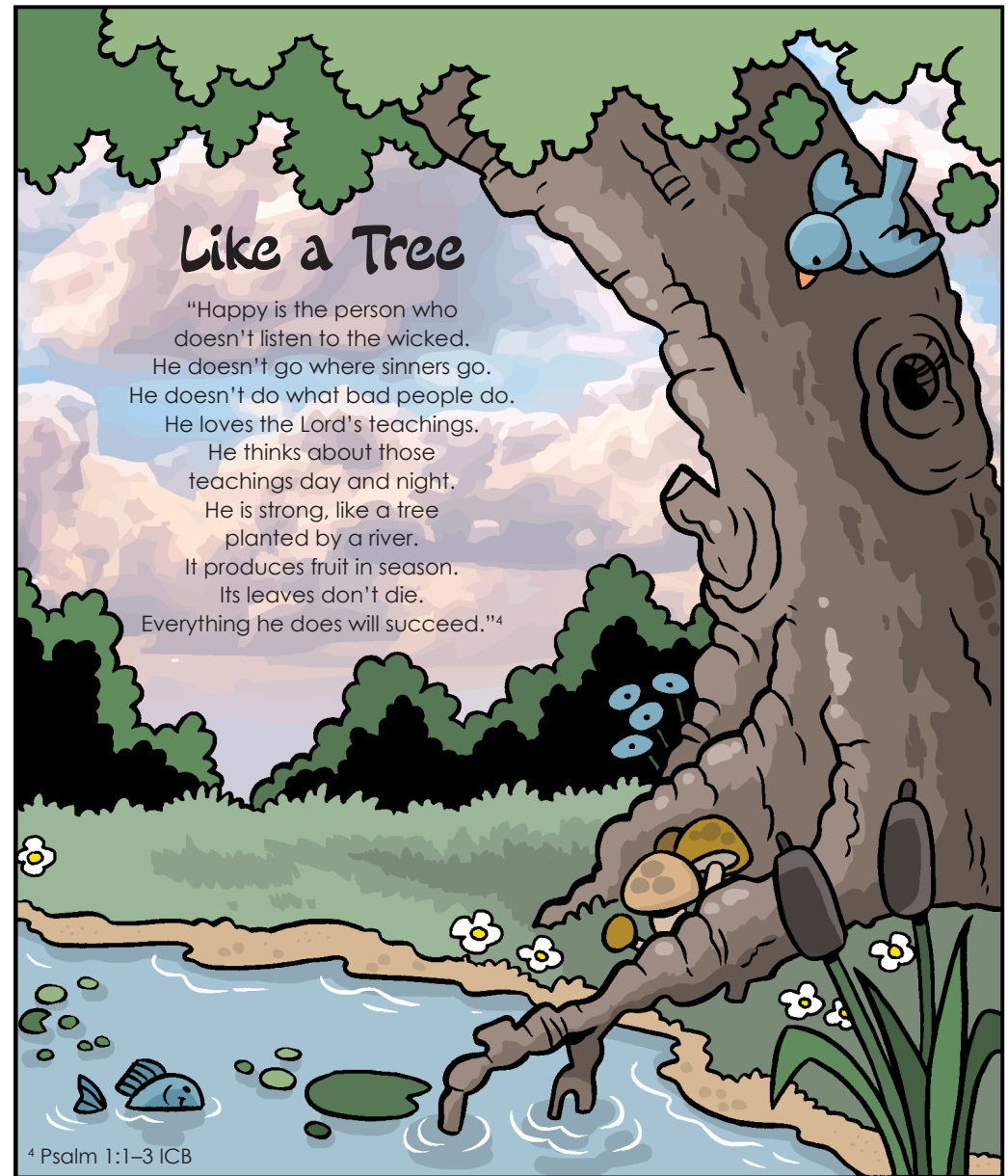
He has made you exactly as you are. Your different characteristics, skills, experiences, and culture make you a unique creation. Even those things that you struggle with help to develop your character and determination, because they remind you to ask Jesus for help.



Don't ever forget that you are special to Me!

If you feel discouraged about something, take some time to talk to Me about it. I will encourage your heart and draw you closer to Me.

You matter to Me!



Like a Tree

"Happy is the person who doesn't listen to the wicked.
He doesn't go where sinners go.
He doesn't do what bad people do.
He loves the Lord's teachings.
He thinks about those teachings day and night.
He is strong, like a tree planted by a river.
It produces fruit in season.
Its leaves don't die.
Everything he does will succeed."⁴

⁴ Psalm 1:1-3 ICB

See if you can find where Mr. Gardener's friend Wormy is hiding on every page.